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SENATE BILLS

SBN 1637 "AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 218*

SBN 1638 "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN BY ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR THE OMBUDSMAN, HIS/HER DEPUTIES, THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES PERFORMING LEGAL, PROSECUTION, INVESTIGATION AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION FUNCTIONS, AUGMENTING EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance*

SBN 1639 "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8762, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RETAIL TRADE LIBERALIZATION ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship*

SBN 1640 "AN ACT DECLARING MAY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS STA. CRUZ DAY"

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

SBN 1641 "AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FISHERIES PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF FISHERIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 219*

SBN 1642 "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 220*

SBN 1643 "AN ACT PROMOTING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FOSTERING COMPETITION IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY BY PROHIBITING THE LOCKING OF MOBILE WIRELESS DEVICES TO A PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITY"

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship*

SBN 1644 "AN ACT PROMOTING OPEN ACCESS IN DATA TRANSMISSION, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Public Services*

SBN 1645 "AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO BATANGAS CITY LICENSING CENTER OF BATANGAS CITY, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Finance*

SBN 1646 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054,

ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 1647 "AN ACT PROVIDING POLICIES AND PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES ON SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, EPIDEMICS, AND HEALTH RELATED EVENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3573 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance*

SBN 1648 "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY MEDICINES ACT OF 2008' AND THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6675, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GENERIC ACT OF 1988' AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

SBN 1649 "AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATAAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A LEVEL III TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance*

SBN 1650 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 223*

SBN 1651 "AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPA CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Finance*

SBN 1652 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 1653 "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN THE PROCUREMENT BY DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES AND OTHER DISTRIBUTION ENTITIES OF SUPPLY FOR THE CAPTIVE MARKET"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 231*

SBN 1654 "AN ACT CONVERTING THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A GERIATRIC AND GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'BICOL REGIONAL GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER', UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance*

SBN 1655 "AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

SBN 1656 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUND"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; and Finance*

SBN 1657 "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES AND PERICULTURE CENTERS TO GIVE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means*

SBN 1658 "AN ACT STRENGTHENING GENDER EQUALITY BY AMENDING ARTICLE 14 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

SBN 1659 "AN ACT ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN THE CUSTODY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8042"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations*

SBN 1660 "AN ACT ENCOURAGING ALL THEATERS AND CINEMAS IN THE PHILIPPINES TO GRANT FREE ADMISSION OR ADMISSION AT DISCOUNT RATES TO MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

SBN 1661 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 1662 "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW ON HAZING AND REGULATE OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 233*

SBN 1663 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

SBN 1664 "AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE DECLARATION OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC"

- *Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture*

SBN 1665 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 9 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 651, ENTITLED REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE PHILIPPINES WHICH OCCURRED FROM JANUARY 1, 1974 AND THEREAFTER"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

SBN 1666 "AN ACT MANDATING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE SPACES OF ITS FIELD OFFICES, HEREBY REPEALING SECTION 55 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance*

SBN 1667 "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING COMMUNITY BASED MONITORING SYSTEM IN ALL BARANGAYS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Local Government; and Finance*

SBN 1668 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE DEFENSE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao*
- *Referred to the Committees on National Defense and Security; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

SBN 1669 "AN ACT RECOGNIZING FAITH ACADEMY AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS ON THE GRANT OF CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH"

- *Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III;*
- *Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture*

SBN 1670 "AN ACT GRANTING FUNERAL DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION WHO DIED ON ACCOUNT OF WORK-RELATED SICKNESS AND INJURIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 1671 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 106, 107, 108, 109, AND 112 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997,' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

SBN 1672 "AN ACT CREATING THE METRO BATAAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Economic Affairs; and Finance*

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

PSRN 576 "RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) OF 2017"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 577 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON -THE CONTROVERSIES CURRENTLY SURROUNDING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING CURRENT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO REVISE THE CHARTER OF PCSO AND LIKEWISE ENACT APPROPRIATE

LEGISLATION TO PUT A CAP ON THE AMOUNT SPENT BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, IN PARTIES AND OTHER OFFICE CELEBRATIONS”

- *Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Games and Amusement*

PSRN 578 “RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON FURTHER INCREASING THE ABILITY OF THE COUNTRY TO ENSURE THAT THE STATUS AND POSITION AS PUBLIC OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE NOT BEING MISUSED OR ABUSED FOR PERSONAL GAIN, AND THAT THE INTEGRITY OF GOVERNMENT POSTS AND THE DISCHARGE OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY’S MANDATE AND OPERATIONS ARE SHIELDED FROM IMPROPER INFLUENCE AND INTERFERENCE FROM PERSONALITIES WITH VESTED INTERESTS AND DUBIOUS REPUTATIONS, BY LOOKING INTO THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRENT LAWS, INCLUDING THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND OF OTHER RELATED LAWS, TO THE REVELATIONS COMING OUT OF THE INTERNAL SQUABBLE AT THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO)”

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation*

PSRN 579 “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RELEASE OF THE MALAMPAYA FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT WITHOUT COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SPECIFIED IN THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT’S SPECIAL REPORT NO. 2017-04”

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Energy*

SRN 580 “RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO OR REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND

UPON APPROVAL OF THREE FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS ADOPT THE SAME”

- *Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes*

PSRN 581 “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXISTING INVENTORIES OF COAL AND OIL, AND TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE ELECTRICITY AND FUEL PRICES TO ENSURE NO PREMATURE PRICE INCREASES ARE BEING PAID BY CONSUMERS AS A RESULT OF THE NEW EXCISE TAX RATES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963 OR THE TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION ACT”

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committees on Energy; Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Ways and Means*

PSRN 582 “A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE REGIONAL AWARDEES OF THE TEN OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (TOSP)”

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 583 “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PORTABILITY LAW AND ITS GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION”

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

PSRN 584 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) MODERNIZATION ACT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE AFP MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) PHILIPPINE NAVY (PN) FRIGATES”

- *Introduced by Senators Francis N. Pangilinan, Franklin M. Drilon, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Risa Hontiveros and Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security*

PSRN 585 "RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE FASHION DESIGNER JOSE "PIToy" R. MORENO FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE NATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL FASHION AND APPAREL INDUSTRY THAT SHOWCASE FILIPINO CULTURE AND CREATIVITY"

- *Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 586 "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT ANY PROPOSAL TO AMEND OR REVISE THE 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WITH THE END VIEW OF UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS AND INTEREST OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 587 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE EXISTING PROTOCOLS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Local Government*

PSRN 588 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EMERGING TREND OF REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR PAPER BILLING WHICH IS BEING IMPOSED BY SEVERAL PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Public Services*

PSRN 589 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN AS COMBATANTS BY ARMED INSURGENTS AND EXTREMIST GROUPS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PUTTING AN END TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILD SOLDIERS IN ARMED CONFLICT AND PROMOTE MECHANISMS THAT FACILITATE THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF THE CHILD"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and National Defense and Security*

PSRN 590 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE LATEST COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT REVEALING THE WORSENING STATE OF DETENTION FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 591 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ROLE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND THE SUPERVISION OF BARANGAY CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS AND FORCE MULTIPLIERS IN INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY-BASED MECHANISM FOR MAINTAINING LOCAL PEACE AND ORDER THAT RESPECTS AND PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

PSRN 592 ""RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARAWI CITY REHABILITATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REHABILITATION EFFORTS WITH EMPHASIS ON FORMULATING POLICIES TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND THE CAPABILITIES OF AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Senate Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation*

PSRN 593 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY'S RICE SUPPLY, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF INTRODUCING NEW POLICIES AND REVIEWING EXISTING MEASURES AND PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE RICE SUPPLY SUFFICIENCY"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food*

PSRN 594 "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF MARITIME RESEARCH BY FILIPINO SCIENTISTS AND THE PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION IN THE PHILIPPINE RISE"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Energy*

PSRN 595 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CAPACITY AND READINESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND REGULATORS TO IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS PROTECTING PREPAID MOBILE CREDIT CONSUMERS"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Public Services*

PSRN 596 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DELAYS IN THE RELEASE OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATIONS BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies*

PSRN 597 "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER UNDER THE TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION LAW (TRAIN)”

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

PSRN 598 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE'S POLICY TO PERMANENTLY BAN OPEN PIT MINING IN THE PHILIPPINES”

- *Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CRN 218 Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Services; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 1637**, with Senators Grace L. Poe, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Aquilino Koko L. Pimentel III, Leila M. De Lima, Vicente C. Sotto III, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Loren B. Legarda as authors thereof, entitled “AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- *Sponsor: Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 219 Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 1641**, with Senators Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV and Loren B. Legarda as authors thereof, entitled “AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FISHERIES PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF FISHERIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- *Sponsor: Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 220 Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 1642** with Senators Grace L. Poe, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes and Loren B. Legarda as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Sponsor: Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 221 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 5160**, introduced by Representative Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, entitled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STO. TOMAS" "

- *Sponsor: Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 222 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Foreign Relations; and Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 192**, introduced by Senator Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, entitled "AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) TO PUBLISH, DISSEMINATE AND UPDATE A HANDBOOK ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIGRANT WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995," AS AMENDED"

- *Sponsors: Senators Joel Villanueva and Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 223 Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Youth; and Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 1650** with Senators Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Joel Villanueva and Loren B. Legarda as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH"

- *Sponsor: Senator Joel Villanueva*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 224 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 1617**, introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva, entitled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY OF MATI AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE GOVERNOR GENEROSO COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR GENEROSO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 225 Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6065**, introduced by Representatives Rogelio M.D. J. Espina, Ann K. Hofer, Antonio L. Tinio, France L. Castro, et. al., entitled "AN ACT RENAMING THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY (BILSU) AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 226 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6186**, introduced by Representatives Scott Davies M.D. S. Lanete, Ann K. Hofer, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Rodel M. Batocabe, entitled "AN ACT INTEGRATING THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS LEARNING SITE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DR.

EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY - CAWAYAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 227 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6202**, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Ann K. Hofer, Rogelio M.D. J. Espina, Celso L. Lobregat, et. al., entitled “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COTABATO STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 228 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6203**, introduced by Representatives Evelina G. Escudero, Deogracias Jr. B. Ramos, Anthony M., Ph.D. Bravo, Ann K. Hofer, et. al., entitled “AN ACT CONVERTING THE SORSOGON STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 229 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6465**, introduced by Representatives Henry S. Oaminal, Ann K. Hofer, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Dakila Carlo E. Cua, entitled “AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NMSCST) IN THE CITY OF TANGUB, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO (UNM) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 230 Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6523**, introduced by Representatives Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla and Ann K. Hofer, entitled "AN ACT RENAMING THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (RMTU) AS THE PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY STATE UNIVERSITY (PRMSU), EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND STRENGTHENING ITS GOVERNING BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8498, ENTITLED: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OUT OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, THE WESTERN LUZON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MARCELINO AND THE CANDELARIA SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CANDELARIA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Sponsor: Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 231 Prepared and submitted by the Committee on Energy on **SENATE BILL NO. 1653** with Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian as author thereof, entitled "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN THE PROCUREMENT BY DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES AND OTHER DISTRIBUTION ENTITIES OF SUPPLY FOR THE CAPTIVE MARKET"

- *Sponsor: Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 232 Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights, on the Privilege Speech of Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri on the Death of Horacio "Atio" Castillo III due to Hazing delivered on September 20, 2017; **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 504** and **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 510**, introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, entitled "RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST SENSE THE DEATH OF FRESHMAN LAW STUDENT HORACIO TOMAS CASTILLO III AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SENSELESS ACT"

- *Sponsor: Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 233 Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes on **SENATE BILL NO. 1662** with Senators Gregorio B. Honasan II, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Vicente C. Sotto III, Loren B. Legarda, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV and Panfilo M. Lacson as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW ON HAZING AND REGULATE OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Sponsors: Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 234 Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food, on **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 560**, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAMS OF THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY CONSISTENT WITH THE PURSUIT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COCONUT INDUSTRY BY FINALIZING THE COCONUT FARMER'S REGISTRY AND INDUSTRY ROAD MAP, WITH THE INTENTION OF PROMOTING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY AND INCREASING THE INCOME OF THE COCONUT FARMERS TO BRING THEM OUT OF POVERTY"

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- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

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